Minutes of the Descanso Planning Group (DPG) Meeting September 18, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order by the Chair, Jo Ellen Quinting The group was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by the Chair.

2. ROLL CALL/ DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members present/ absent by Seat number

Vacant
Jo Ellen Quinting, Present
Deirdre Carter, Arrived 7:15pm
Trista Brant, Present
Don Hickle, Present
Claudia White, Present

4. John Elliott, Present 9. Walter Kirkwood, Arrived 7:18pm

5. Michael Sterns, Present

Rotation of Secretary/Recording of minutes this meeting: Michael Sterns will act as recording Secretary. Don Hickle will act as recording Secretary at the October meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON JULY 17, 2008

Motion- White, Second- Quinting: Approve Minutes of July 17, 2008 meeting. Motion passed 5-0-1-2

4. CORRESPONDENCE/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quinting reviewed correspondence received. Draft revisions to public road standards received. Comments by November 15, 2008. Item will be placed on October agenda. Kirkwood indicated rumor has it that Cuyamaca is acting like it wants to close to public. Quinting will invite park superintendent to October meeting.

5. PRIORITIZATION OF THIS MEETING'S AGENDA ITEMS: As Set.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Low Impact Development Training was taught by Stephanie Gaines, Land Use/Environmental Planner II from the Department of Planning and Land Use. Handouts included Low Impact Development Handbook, Low Impact Development Appendices, Impact Development Literature Index, and Watershed Planning & Low Impact Development power point slides. Pre and post test used to monitor effectiveness of training.

B. Descanso Planning Group Bank Account: 2008 Annual Electronic Notice Filing Requirements: Information from IRS. Quinting reviewed letters from IRS. Hickle reported that he filed 990N E-Post card for calendar year 2007. The system would not allow filing for the previous years as IRS suggested. He is seeking clarification.

C. Report from Subcommittees:

Forest Conservation Initiative (FCI) Subcommittee- Elliott reported that no meetings had been held but reported his discussions with Robert Citrano indicating that the County is considering a separate FCI property process..

Community Plan Subcommittee- Quinting report on the next steps including goals and policies but character and land use will be priority. Meeting next Wednesday, September 24, 4 pm at Library. Motion- Quinting, second- Brant: Submit the unified Central Mountain Region Vision Statement to the Department of Planning and Land Use as the DPG proposed vision statement. Elliott suggested several wording changes. Quinting stated that she would review with the other planning groups. Motion passed 7-1-0-0.

- D. Change of Meeting Place for the DPG: Discussion included meeting time that led to a decision to table.
- E. Procedures to fill Planning Group Vacancies: Motion- Quinting, Second- White: The procedures to fill Planning group vacancies on form DPLU- 900 be adopted in the DPG Standing Rules. Motion passed 8-0-0-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Transportation, Bridges and Pedestrian Walkways

Announcements: Construction of by pass road for Viejas Blvd. bridge in front of the school has begun. Hickle read a notification that the speed limit on Japutal Road straight aways from I-8 to Tavern Road will be posted at 55 mph.

B. New information on the Proposed Equestrian Facilities Project.

None. Will request meeting with Park Superintendent or District Superintendent.

C. Approval of a New 5 Year Park Project Priority List for the expenditure of Park Land Dedication Ordinance Funds.

(Motion- Hickle, Second- Sterns: Extend meeting until 9:15 pm. Motion passed 8-0-0-0.) White reported that she had been unable to meet with the school district. Quinting reported that the balance of fund available is \$149,163 as of 7/31/2008. Elliot reviewed the 8/8/95 joint project agreement. He will provide a copy to White. Tabled until October meeting.

8. OPEN DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION FROM THE FLOOR

Kirkwood donated a digital recorder to the group.

9. REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Kirkwood requested a State Park representative be invited to review future plans and current challenges.

10. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

Hickle reported the balance in the checking account was \$318.22. **Motion- Carter, Second- Hickle. Reimburse Quinting \$15.88 for purchase of recording tapes. Motion passed 8-0-0-0.**

Meeting Adjourned by Chair at 9:13 pm. Next meeting is on October 16, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Michael Sterns, acting Secretary.